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Number 34
(As of 1600 EDT 2 August 1982)

NOTE: This is the last regular afternoon Situation Report. Beginning tomorrow (3 August), only one daily Situation Report will be issued. This report will include information available as of 1100 EDT.

Military Situation

Intelligence indicates no major fighting along the Basrah Front. [redacted]

Iraqi and Iranian communiques today claimed that each side was continuing to shell residential areas (Basrah and Abadan) of the other. The Iraqis also claimed that Iran lost 27,000 men, 297 tanks, and 5 aircraft in the fighting between 13 and 30 July. [redacted]

-- Comment: We have no confirmation of the Iraqi casualty claims. [redacted]

Explosion in Baghdad

[redacted] attributes the explosion that ripped the Iraqi Ministry of Planning building on 1 August to either plotters with a Syrian connection or to members of the Shia opposition Dawa Party. [redacted]

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